

ing the proceedings of that meeting, Mr. Koradi was honored by a standing ovation, with one of the best attendances in many years.

For October 29, 1903, appears the notation that the Treasurer's Report conforms with the Secretary's. There had been no election of a financial secretary. That office was not officially recognized until 1908, inaugurated by H. c. Saalenbach. The Annual Report for 1903 was the first to be printed.

The Board Meeting of October 28, 1904, noted a wide choice available for election as directors: R. Freitag; J. Hoch; Dr. B. Kindig; Wm. Messmer; J. H. Reichling; H. c. Saalenbach; Chas. Schaeppi; Conrad Simler (Simmler); Erg. Schmid; John Thommen; Ad. Tschopp; Carl Tschopp; A. Wattenhofer. There were to be printed invitations in English for the next General Meeting, instead of just post cards, and the directors would again bear the cost. Business was anticipated to remain 'disturbed for most of the coming year, due to presidential elections.'

For the first time in years, President Koradi was absent from a Board Meeting, which, for many years now had almost always been held at his office at 4th and Wood. Unable to attend November 28, 1905, due to illness, and also vp Becker being absent, Ulrich Ammann was asked to take the chair. Mr. Koradi still had not recuperated for the Annual General Assembly, January 30, 1906, over which Mr. Becker presided. Mr. Koradi returned to the chair March 1, 1906. Mr. Saalenbach asked for notices of the Board Meetings five days in advance, but Mr. Koradi found this 'too far ahead' for him, never knowing what might come up. The year remained uneventful, but the directors were summoned to a special meeting January 14, 1907, at Math. Schmid's office, 1308 North 6th Street. 'Our old and beloved president, founder and benefactor of our Society,' Mr. Rudolf Koradi, had passed away, to be buried on the 16th, with pall bearers from the sbs. Messrs. Becker, Ragatz, Volet, Gus Walter, Schmid, Rohrer, were to have the honor.

The General Assembly, January 29, 1907, was presided over by vp Becker. Tribute was paid to the late president, who had guided the destinies of the Society in exemplary manner and with highest dedication, in profound regret and sorrow. As in some previous years, the Swiss Maennerchor offered some appropriate songs.

Mr. Caspar Becker became second president. Gus. Walther was given the vice presidency. George Hallauer stayed on as secretary, and

Math. Schmid as treasurer. The last Wednesday of each month now was set aside as meeting day. Math. Schmid offered his office for these gatherings.

The Board Meeting of September 25, 1907, took cognizance of the new Consul, Christian Walther, who, although at no time a member of the Board, invited it to meet in the future at his office in the Drexel Building, not to further impose on Mr. Schmid. He seems to have been in attendance at most meetings there. On November 27, directors Becker and Schmid were designated as representatives of the sbs, to meet with those of the other Swiss societies to organize a reception for Minister Dr. Vogel. The January Meeting noted poorer attendance by the directors since they were moved to the Drexel Building, an 'inconvenient location,' and preference was given to Mr. Schmid's office.

Mr. H. c. Saalenbach became the Society's first Financial Secretary. Also at the General Assembly of 1908, Mr. Schmid pointed out that the by-laws called for quarterly general meetings. The vote was for semi-annual gatherings.

The reception for Minister Vogel took place before the directors met in March 1908, at the Bellevue-Stratford. The semi-annual General Assembly was held at the Swiss Maennerchor Hall, attended only by 'one or two' outside the directors. The German Societies were to parade October 6, in conjunction with the dedication of the Pastorius Monument in Germantown, executed by J. Otto Schweizer. The Annual General Assembly, January 29, 1909, drew only twelve directors and six members-at-large. It was voted to hold only the regular Assemblies in the future, and when it convened January 26, 1910, at the 'Deutscher Klub', 532 North 4th, it recorded 45 present, 'inclusive 12 ladies.'

On November 6, 1910, the 50th Anniversary of the sbs of Philadelphia was commemorated at the German Club, with 60 members and 24 of their ladies present. The banquet cost \$1.25. President Becker reminisced about the history of the Society, and pointed out that during his tenure as president, Mr. Koradi had paid out \$25,000 in assistance money. Of the three surviving founder-members, Werner Itschner was present. C. Maron and A. Péquinot were too infirm.

Mr. Ulrich Ammann's office, 121 Chestnut Street, became the Society's official address in February 1911. The Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Hans Ernst, who had succeeded George Hallauer 1909, passed away suddenly in September 1912. Mr. E. Hediger served to the end of the term, and